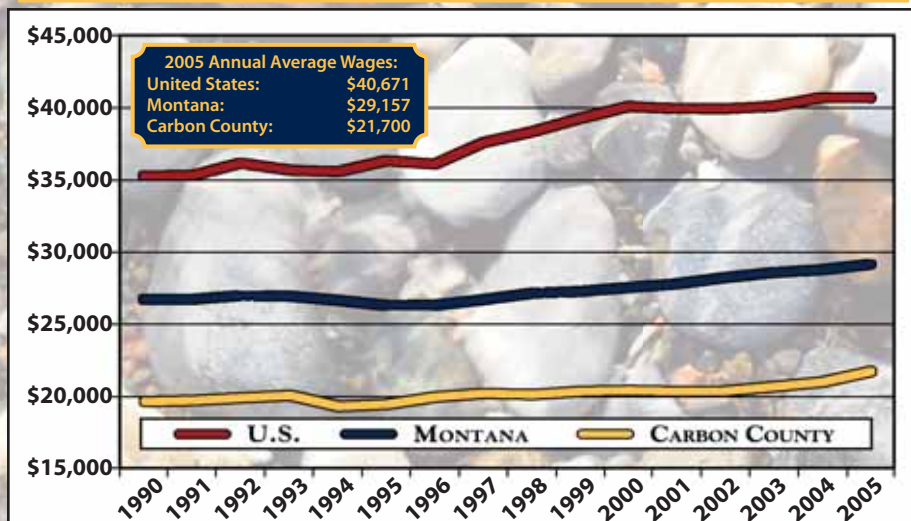


Annual Average Labor Force - Carbon County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	5,461	5,271	190	3.5%
2004	5,306	5,103	203	3.8%
2003	5,241	5,049	192	3.7%
2002	5,218	5,021	197	3.8%
2001	5,052	4,846	206	4.1%
2000	4,994	4,774	220	4.4%

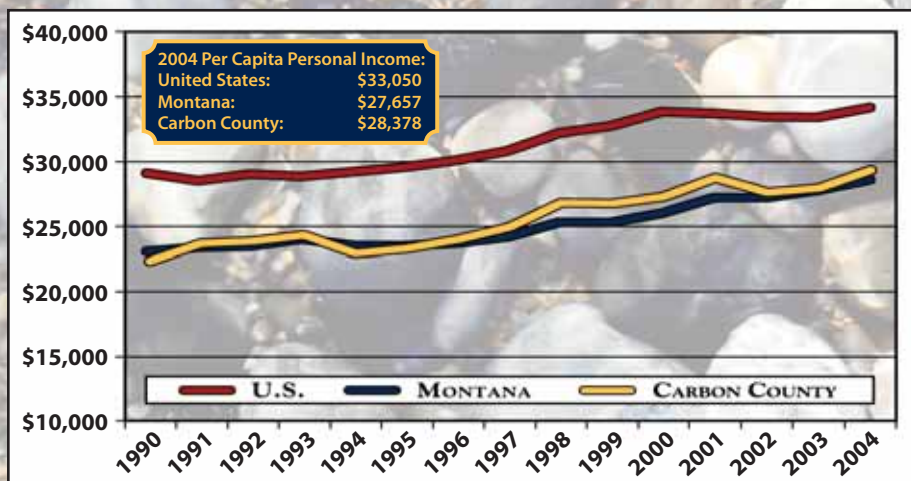
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for Carbon County

Carbon County

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CARBON COUNTY

Carbon County is Montana's twentieth most populous county, with an estimated 9,902 residents in 2005. Red Lodge, the county seat, is the state's thirtieth largest city, with a population estimated at 2,401 in 2005.¹ Other cities and towns in Carbon County include Bearcreek, Belfry, Boyd, Bridger, Edgar, Fromberg, Joliet, Luther, Roberts, Roscoe, and Silesia.

Carbon County took its name from the vast coal deposits discovered there; and for much of its history, coal mining was the county's major industry. The present day economy relies more on agriculture, recreation, and tourism.² The Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area and the Custer National Forest are major tourist draws, providing ample opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range, located in southeast Carbon County, is home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s.³

Accommodation & Food Services was Carbon County's number one industry subsector in terms of employment for 2005. Other significant subsectors included Educational Services, Retail Trade, and Construction. The fastest employment growth from 2004 to 2005 took place in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting subsector; while Construction, Mining, and Real Estate, Rental, & Leasing also showed strong growth⁴

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²Red Lodge Information," www.redlodge.com/visitors/categories.asp?catID=VI503

³"Bridger," www.visitmt.com

⁴Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

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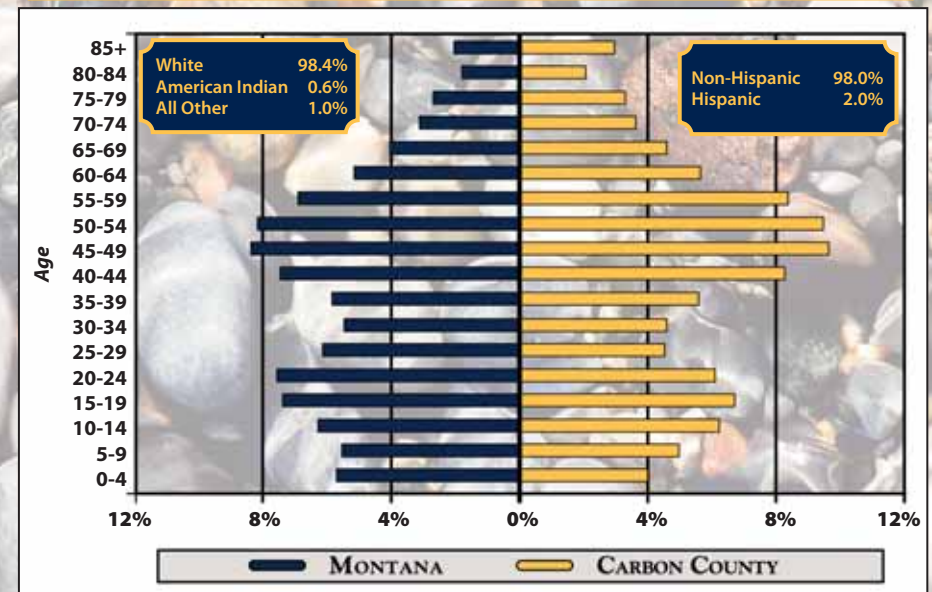
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Population for Carbon County & Related Areas

Geography	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Carbon County	9,552	9,662	9,727	9,751	9,770	9,902
Bearcreek	83	84	84	84	83	85
Bridger	745	749	752	752	752	752
Fromberg	486	490	492	492	489	492
Joliet	575	579	581	581	584	601
Red Lodge	2,177	2,226	2,263	2,283	2,331	2,401
Balance of Carbon County	5,486	5,534	5,555	5,559	5,531	5,571

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Carbon County, 2005



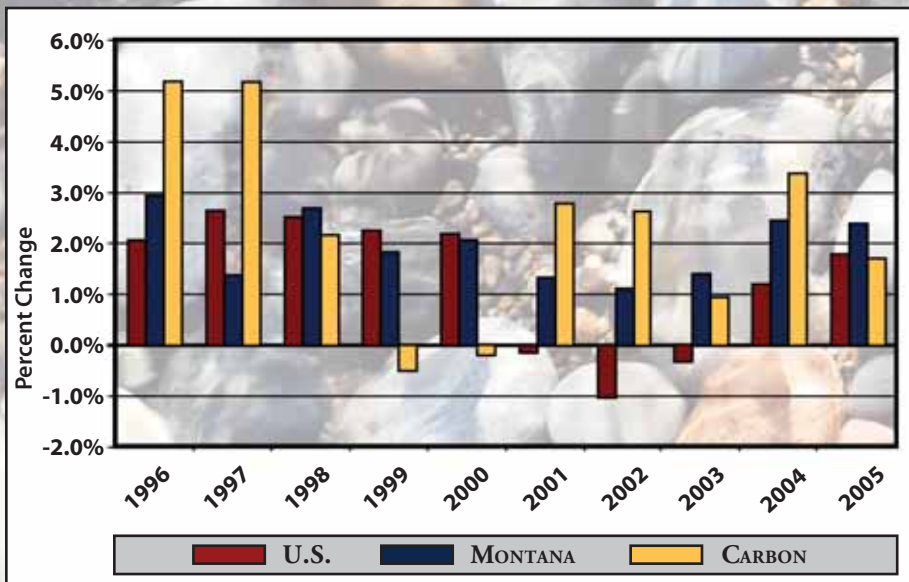
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Carbon County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	11.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	36.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	23.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.3%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	16.9%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Carbon County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Carbon County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bank of Bridger	4	Pollard Hotel	4
Beartooth Hospital & Health Center	6	Red Lodge Café & Lounge	4
Beartooth IGA	4	Red Lodge Mountain Resort	4
Bogart's Restaurant	4	Red Lodge Pizza Company	4
Bridge Creek Backcountry Kitchen & Wine Bar	4	Rock Creek Resort	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Carbon County

Farms

Farms: (number)	703
Land in farms (acres)	753,504
Average size of farms (acres)	1,072
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	552
1,000 acres or more	151
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	619
\$100,000 or more	84
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	655
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	48

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	53,261
Hogs and pigs	838
Sheep and lambs	8,754
Horses and ponies	2,808
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	456
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,479
Corn for silage or greenchop	4,848
Wheat for grain, All	5,513
Winter wheat for grain	5,017
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	496
Barley for grain	8,749
Oats for grain	1,063
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	52,324

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	453
Other	250
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	580
Not on farm operated	123
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	190
10 years or more	513
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	385
55 years and over	318
Average age of operators: (number)	54.4

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Carbon County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	428	2,599	\$21,699
TOTAL PRIVATE	386	1,997	\$20,218
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	16	69	\$23,297
Crop production	4	*	*
Animal production	9	44	\$26,149
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	6	32	\$38,177
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	4	*	*
UTILITIES	7	27	\$63,792
CONSTRUCTION	80	247	\$27,868
Construction of buildings	36	120	\$24,293
Heavy and civil engineering construction	8	50	\$38,638
Specialty trade contractors	37	77	\$26,437
MANUFACTURING	11	81	\$23,088
Food manufacturing	4	34	\$20,302
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	15	39	\$29,169
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	6	17	\$28,501
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	3	13	\$20,348
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	6	9	\$43,068
RETAIL TRADE	56	277	\$14,959
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	3	16	\$21,342
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	6	47	\$16,433
Food and beverage stores	10	74	\$16,354
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	7	44	\$12,231
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8	33	\$15,501
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	5	13	\$8,481
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	11	26	\$10,289
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	9	27	\$44,039

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	5	11	\$21,815
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Pipeline transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
INFORMATION	9	39	\$23,462
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	26	\$27,544
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	1	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	8	57	\$44,920
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	*	*
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	3	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	19	43	\$14,010
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	33	102	\$25,671
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	11	25	\$16,488
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	2	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	18	212	\$24,251
Ambulatory health care services	6	17	\$37,389
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	9	56	\$12,987
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	13	164	\$12,780
Performing arts and spectator sports	5	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	7	145	\$12,907
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	48	487	\$11,243
Accommodation	12	147	\$12,058
Food services and drinking places	36	340	\$10,891
OTHER SERVICES	26	66	\$10,872
Repair and maintenance	8	11	\$14,265
Personal and laundry services	1	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	12	42	\$8,789
Private households	6	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43	602	\$26,612
Local Government	17	458	\$23,332
State Government	13	60	\$32,936
Federal Government	13	85	\$39,836

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

* Data Not Disclosable

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.

(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)